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1. The Vereinigte Oberschlesische Hüttenwerke AG comprises the following works:

Drahtwerke in Gliwice
 Röhrenwerke in Gliwice
 Stadtwerk in Gliwice
 Julenhütte in Bobrek near Bytom
 Stahlwerke in Bobrek-Karf near Bytom
 Eisenwerke in Königshuld (possibly the Vereinigte Oberschlesische Hüttenwerke, A.G. Koenigshuld)
 Spezialwerk in Malapane
 Baldonhütte in Katowice
 Donnersmarckhütte in Zabrze
 Silesiastahlwerke in Gliwice
 Ferrum A-G., Katowice
 Friedensbahn G.m.b.H., Gliwice and Katowice

The concern also has large interests in the Friedenshütte, Chorzowulac near Katowice, and in the Königshütte.

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2. During the war it was at one time planned to associate the "Oberhütten" concern with the iron and steel industry in Stalino.

3. When the German armies in Russia began to withdraw, "Oberhütten" started the withdrawal of its large capital to areas further West. The greater part of this capital was transferred to Freiberg (Saxony) and entrusted to Director Sedlaczek. Finanzdirektor Kiehne also under- took to safeguard part of the concern's assets.

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4. In order to cover up the disappearance of this capital, some kind of manipulation of the firm's pensions scheme was engineered. Generaldirektor Dr. Tafel, Director Christoph Director Sedlaczek and Finanzdirektor Kiehne are among the originators of another scheme which will enable the firm to continue to exist as a unit although outwardly it will have the appearance of having been liquidated. Graf Ballestrom, an important shareholder, was killed in an air-raid on Dresden.

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5. The factories comprising the "Oberhütten" concern are practically undamaged and are employing a total of some forty thousand workers. A further twenty

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thousand are employed in the firm's coal, zinc and lead mines. About eighty percent of the employees are Germans of which some are former employees who chose to stay on after the taking over of Silesia by the Poles, others are P.C.W.'s and the balance consists of forced labor, both male and female.

6. At the Baildonhütte, the Russians have only dismantled two large electro-steel furnaces which have been transferred to Stalino. The Baildonhütte foundry is being used for the manufacture of guns in three shifts per 24 hours. The Stadtwerk at Gliwice is working the same number of shifts and is producing ammunition. A Pole named Gluck, formerly of the Friedenshütte in Katowice, is responsible for production at the Stadtwerk.
7. Soviet officers control production at all the "Oberhütten" foundries. The majority of the concern's products are loaded at Katowice and Gliwice and are consigned to the USSR.

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